

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 19 are in the application and have been subject to a restriction requirement as provided below.

The Examiner requires a restriction under 35 USC 121 and 372 regarding:

- I. Claims 1 – 11, and 19; and
- II. Claims 12 – 18.

Applicants provisionally elect Group I (claims 1 – 11 and 19) with right of traverse. Claims 1 – 11 and 19 read on the elected invention.

Applicants traverse the requirement for restriction. More specifically, Applicants submit that the subject matter of all the pending claims relate to the process of claims 1 – 11, and 19 and a device that uses the claimed process. Therefore, the examination of such inventions in the instant application clearly should not present an undue burden on the PTO. What is represented is interrelated subject matter. This interrelationship rather than separate classification should be the controlling factor in determining the propriety of the restriction. For the foregoing reasons, it is contended that this guideline would apply to the instant set of claims.

Applicants aver that a complete response to the restriction requirement of the Examiner has been made and that the instant application and claims are now in condition for examination on their merits and for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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